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SUBJECT: ROLE OF SMALLER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING PRES-
IDENT' S FORTHCOMING TRIP

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, LUXEM-
BOURG AMBASSADOR WAGNER CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY PORTER
JUNE 14 TO INSIST THAT WHATEVER SENIOR US OFFICIAL GOES
TO EUROPE TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT' S FORTHCOMING TRIP, HE
SHOULD VISIT LUXEMBOURG AS WELL AS LARGER EUROPEAN CAPI-
TALS. WAGNER SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT MERELY MATTER OF
PRESTIGE BUT EFFORT TO CLEAR UP CONFUSION RESULTING FROM
DIFFERING REPORTS REGARDING THE FORM THAT THE PRESIDENT' S
CONTACTS WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS WILL TAKE. OBSERVING THAT
LUXEMBOURG FAVORS MULTILATERAL CONTACTS, WAGNER ADDED
THAT LUXEMBOURG REACTION TO DR. KISSINGER' S APRIL 23
SPEECH, AS EXPRESSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER THORN AT THE
RECENT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, HAS BEEN POSITIVE.

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2. ACTING SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO DANGER THAT LUXEMBOURG OR OTHER SMALLER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE LEFT OUT OF PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT US CONTINUES TO BE RECEPTIVE TO IDEAS ESPECIALLY AS TO HOW BILATERAL CONTACTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT FRENCH WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF MULTILATERAL APPROACH. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ACTING SECRETARY STATED THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT TO SEND ANYONE AT

THIS TIME TO MAKE PREPARATORY TRIP, BUT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY. WE MUST FIRST OBTAIN VIEWS OF EUROPEANS ON DEVELOPMENT OF PRINCIPLES. HE PROMISED THAT LUXEMBOURG WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS.

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